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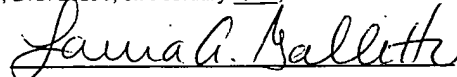
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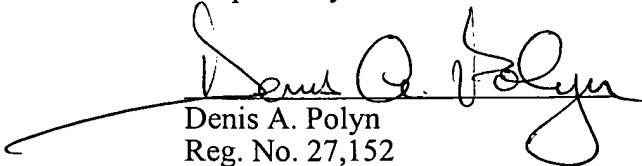
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Pursuant to the duty of candor and good faith set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references listed on the attached substitute Form 1449. Copies of the references are enclosed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a).

Consideration of this material during the course of examination is respectfully requested.

Filing of this Statement is timely under 37 CFR 1.97(b) without payment of any fee. Accordingly, consideration of this material during the course of examination is respectfully requested. In the event that any fee is required in connection with this submission, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1425 the requisite fee. A copy of this document is submitted in triplicate.

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